



**MINUTES  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
March 31, 2015**

**Location:**

City Hall

The **Oaths of Office** were administered by Scott Weske to new members Brendan McCarthy and Marc Crawford.

**Call to Order:**

Council Liaison, Mayor Donny Chillstrom called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

**Present:**

Members: Bob Hardin, Jane Davidson, Marc Crawford, Brendan McCarthy, and Sally Skjaret

**Others Present:**

Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; City Administrator: Scott Weske; and Council Liaison: Mayor Donny Chillstrom

**Approved Agenda:**

No objections were made to the agenda as presented.

**Approved Minutes:**

Minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting were approved by all members.

**Park Board Chairperson and Secretary:**

A motion was made by Hardin, seconded by Davidson, to recommend Park Board member Crawford serve as Board Chairperson, and Park Board member Skjaret serve as Secretary.

**2015 Meeting Schedule:**

The schedule for this year's meeting was accepted by all. Later in the meeting it was decided that next month's meeting would take place at Dexter Park so playground equipment could be discussed.

**Usage of Hardin Park Skating Rink:**

\* Only 3 people used the rink over the winter season. The Board recommends the Hardin Park neighborhood rink not be flooded and maintained for use next winter. Staff will note the rink will not reopen in a future city newsletter.

\* A discussion was held regarding using the lake as an alternative skating rink. Wurzer said it was hard to maintain due to the large cracks that form.

**Discussion of Memorial Bench Program:**

\* Davidson proposed that the cost of each bench be increased to \$1,500 to provide for the full installation and maintenance over 10 years.

\* A discussion was held on the type of plaque to be used. One fitted in the cement pad would be more burglar-proof, but would also get dirty and need more maintenance. One that goes on the bench itself would be cheaper, but could be pried off. An alternative would be to imbed the plaque in a bench slat.

\* Going forward the Board should think about places to put the benches, and also review the program offered by Arden Hills, looking to change some of the language to meet our needs. Also, this program could be used to replace some existing benches that have deteriorated.

**Cost Estimate to Upgrade Swimming Area Safety Perimeter Equipment:**

\* Wurzer reported that it would cost \$820 for floats, and \$600 for rope. Council Liaison Chillstrom volunteered to check and see if he can get a better price on the rope.

\* A motion was made and seconded to request spending up to \$1,500 to replace the swim safety equipment.

**Additional Toddler Play Item for Dexter Park:**

\* It was decided to meet at Dexter Park at our April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss play item selection and placement.

**Other Business:**

\*Chillstrom reported that he has been approached by the Orono Baseball Association to see if they can put a mound in the existing baseball field at Holbrook Park. They would assume all costs, and do the work and maintenance. The Board agreed.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Skjaret  
Park Board Secretary